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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: LOS: MESSAGE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL WARIOBA

REF: STATE 227809

1. I TOOL THE GOOD OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY YOUR LETTER TO REVIEW OUR LOS CONCERNS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL WARIOBA. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LETTER, ASKED ME TO SEND ALONG HIS REGARDS, AND SAID HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING A DIALOGUE WITH YOU. I MENTIONED MY INTEREST IN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH HIM ON LOS LATTERS AND URGED HIM TO KEEP US ALL POSTED IF HE SAW ANY

DIREC(IONS DEVELOPING IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. I FOUND THAT WARIOBA INDEED HAS A CLEAR PERCEPTION OF OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ICNT. HE ALSO MADE IT PLAIN THAT TANZANIA HAS ITS OWN TROUBLES. AS HE SEES IT, SOME ISSUES THAT WE CONSIDER SATISFACTORY OR NEARLY SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED PRESENT HIM WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE APPRECIATES THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CONSTITUENCY BUT SAYS HE HAS HIS ALSO, INCLUDING PRESIDENT NYERERE AND COUNTRIES SUCH AS RWANDA, CITED BY WARIOBA AS A LANDLOCKED STATE WHICH TANZANIA FELT IT HAD A DUTY TO ASSIST. ALSO, HE CANNOT GET IN A POSITION WHERE HE CAN BE ACCUSED OF "GIVING AWAY" TANZANIA'S CLAIM TO 50 MILES TERRITORIAL WATERS WHILE
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GETTING NOTHING IN RETURN.

3. WARIOBA EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN THAT THE CONFERENCE BE PRESERVED. HE DID NOT DIRECTLY RESPOND TO MY SUGGESTION THAT THE WHOLE FUTURE OF THE UN AND WORLD ORDER WAS INVOLVED, BUT DID EMPHASIZE THAT FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD RESULT IN "ABSOLUTE LOS CHAOS WHICH TANZANIA COULD NOT AFFORD." HE

WAS WORRIED THAT ONE OR ANOTHER STATE'S EXCESSIVE CONCERN WITH ONE OR MORE PARTS OF THE ICNT (I.E., OUR PROBLEM WITH THE COMMITTEE I ENGO TEXT) RUNS THE RISK OF WRECKING THE CONFERENCE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE US WAS SHOCKED ABOUT PROCEDURE IN COMMITTEE I. TANZANIA WAS ALSO SHOCKED BUT THE PROCEDURAL PROBLEM WAS NOT LIMITED TO COMMITTEE I. WHILE THINGS WENT AGAINST US THERE THROUGH UNDERHANDED METHODS, TANZANIA SEES THAT THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO IT IN COMMITTEES II AND III. HE IS UNHAPPY WITH THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING PROCEDURE, WHICH GIVES THE CHAIRMAN "TOO MUCH POWER."

4. ON THE DEEP SEABED ISSUE, WARIOBA AGREED THAT AT THE CORE OF LDC FEELINGS WAS THE SUSPICION THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE TRYING TO GRAB OFF FOR THEMSELVES THE LION'S SHARE OF THE WORLD'S LAST UNCLAIMED RESOURCE AND THAT THIS WOULD SIMPLY ACERBATE THE NORTH-SOUTH QUESTION WHICH WAS VITAL TO ALL OF THEM. HE DID NOT AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD A LEGITIMATE FEAR THAT THE STRONG CONTROL AND MEASURES IN REGARDS

TO A DEEP SEABED AUTHORITY WHICH THE LDC'S WANTED WOULD PREVENT PROMPT AND EFFICIENT EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. IN FACT, HE INSISTED, IT WAS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WERE MAKING MANY OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD MAKE THE AUTHORITY SLOW AND INFLEXIBLE.

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5. WARIOBA SAW THE US AS HAVING A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID UNILATERAL ACTION BY TECHNICALLY COMPETENT STATES ON DEVELOPMENT OF DEEP SEABED MINING. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DON'T WANT THE DEEP SEABEDS TO BE A FACTOR IN WIDENING THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR STATES. THEY RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES MUST BE ENSURED A FAIR RETURN. HE THOUGHT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED, BUT LOS NEGOTIATIONS WERE MOVING TOWARD SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE 1971 AND 1972.

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